Security Update

Current Internet Threat Level

Guarded Across All States

MS-ISAC Cyber Alert Level:

GUARDED

Legend
- Low
- Guarded
- Elevated
- High
- Severe

⚠ New Advisory

TIP of the day
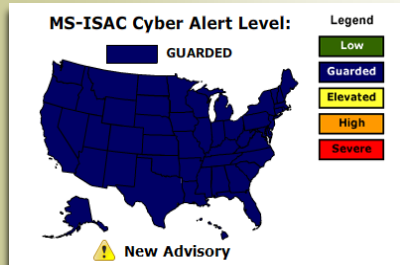
1. If something or someone appears suspicous in nature, report it to:

   RSA Physical Security @ **Ext. 7660** or
   Capitol Police @ **242-0700.**

2. If someone requests you grant them access into a secured area, kindly escort them to the front desk lobby where the person(s) they wish to speak with can be contacted.

3. Be cautious of other employees and pedestrians walking to and from their cars. **Do not SPEED in the parking decks!**

National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October 2011

Our Shared Responsibility
staysafeonline.org

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Take the pledge! Spread the message -- **Cyber Security Is Our Shared Responsibility**

As part of declaring October "National Cyber Security Awareness Month" the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the state's IT connection with the Department of Homeland Security, is encouraging every citizen that uses a computer to take the Cyber Pledge. Taking the Cyber Pledge is informative and demonstrates a commitment to maintaining cyber security. Additionally, after taking the pledge, citizens will have the option of printing a certificate that provides recognition of having taken the pledge. No information is kept regarding those who take the pledge other than a tally of pledging citizens for local governments and states. One may sign the pledge by visiting www.cybersecurity.alabama.gov or www.msisac.org.

To kick off the Cyber Pledge event, MS-ISAC is sponsoring a competition among states for the state with the most citizens signing the pledge. The competition will last from September 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011.

We are asking RSA employees to sign the pledge and disburse this information so that all State employees and family members may get an opportunity to sign the pledge from office and home, respectively.
Four winners will be announced:
- State with the most signed pledges
- State with signed pledges from the highest percentage of its population
- Local government with the largest number of citizens
- Local government with the highest percentage of its citizens

The Greatest Security Vulnerability is YOU!

Believe it or not, the greatest threat to your personal or corporate computing environment is you. You put your personal and collective corporate security at risk every day by just being you. It's not a particular personality flaw with you as an individual but rather it is your innate human response to other humans. You want to be open, helpful and kind but those attributes are also your security Achilles' heel. The quote, "A little kindness goes a long way," is no less true when speaking of computer security. That wee bit of kindness that you show a stranger could put your personal and corporate security at significant risk and could result in very high remedial costs.

For more information on this subject visit:
http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/the-greatest-security-vulnerability-you/9612?alertspromo=&tag=nl.rSINGLE

Links of Interest:

Malware strikes USAF Predator drone computer systems
Malware has infected the control systems used by the United States Air Force to fly Predator and Reaper drones, logging keypresses as the unmanned aircraft are flown remotely in Afghanistan, Libya, Pakistan and other conflict zones.

Steve Jobs's death exploited by scammers
It's impossible to express how sad many people in the technology world feel at the news of the death of Steve Jobs. Sickeningly, scammers were waiting to take advantage of the bad news.